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Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

12th February, 1887

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I. C. Booth
M & R

Hon. D. M. Fox
Superintendent

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James C. Booth.
Supt & R.

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